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FM AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

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INFO AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

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C O N F I D E N T I A L STOCKHOLM 3558

ZFF FOR TRIPOLI

E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, SW

SUBJECT: LIBYAN OIL EXPROPRIATION

REF: STATE 182055

1. SUBSTANCE OF NOTE TO LARG WAS CONVEYED TO MFA OFFICIAL ON SEPTEMBER 14. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR INFORMATION AND SAID HE WOULD REPORT SWEDISH REACTIONS WITHIN FEW DAYS. HE NOTED ALSO THAT "OTHER GOVERNMENTS HAD TOLD SWEDES THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED REPRESENTATIONS FROM US REGARDING LIBYAN 'HOT OIL' ".

2. ABOUT TWO WEEKS LATER SAME OFFICIAL CALLED TO SAY THAT HE HAD LITTLE TO ADD OTHER THAN THAT SWEDES BELIEVE COMPENSATION FOR NATIONALIZED PROPERTY SHOULD BE "PROMPT, ADEQUATE AND EFFECTIVE". EMBOFF REPLIED THAT THIS WAS PRECISELY WHAT

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LIBYANS WERE REFUSING TO PROVIDE. OFFICIAL THEN

SAID THAT MFA LEGAL ADVISOR COULD PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS ON SWEDISH POLICY TOWARD NATIONALIZATION.

3. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH LEGAL ADVISER, N.R. LARSSON, EMBOFF SAID THAT EMBASSY WAS AWARE OF SWEDISH VIEWS ON EXPROPRIATIONS IN GENERAL, BUT WE ATTACH CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO ARBITRATION AS APPROPRIATE WAY OF PROCEEDING IN LIBYAN CASE AND WONDERED WHAT SWEDISH THINKING MIGHT BE. LARSSON SAID THAT GOS WOULD LOOK FAVORABLY ON ARBITRATION IN CASES SUCH AS THIS. HE POINTED OUT THAT FOREIGN MINISTER WICKMAN HAD MADE THIS CLEAR IN REPLYING TO A PARLIAMENTARY INTERPELLATION ABOUT CHILEAN COPPER SHIPMENTS ON NOVEMBER 23, 1972. AT THAT TIME WICKMAN STATED THAT GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF UN RESOLUTION NO. 1803 OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES FOR ARBITRATION, FORMED BASIS FOR SWEDISH POLICY ON NATIONALIZATION QUESTIONS.

4. COMMENT: ABOVE INTERPRETATION OF SWEDISH POSITION ON EXPROPRIATIONS SHOULD BE JUDGED AGAINST EARLIER MFA COMMENTS REPORTED STOCKHOLM'S 832 OF MARCH 18, 1972, WHICH REVEALED SOFTNESS OF SWEDISH POSITION, PARTICULARLY WHEN NO SWEDISH COMPANY IS INVOLVED.

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